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Amendment

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To: Subst. House Bill No. **6683**

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING RIGHTS OF CONSUMERS IN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRANSACTIONS."**

1 After line 29, insert sections 3 and 4 as follows:

2 "Sec. 3. Section 16-247s of the general statutes is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

4 (a) Each certified telecommunications provider, as defined in section
5 16-1, that provides local exchange service to customers in the state
6 shall provide without charge to the telephone company serving more
7 than one hundred thousand customers for directory assistance
8 purposes all listings for its Connecticut customers other than those
9 listings that are nonpublished. Said telephone company, or its agent or
10 affiliate as applicable, shall, in accordance with the terms and
11 conditions set forth in the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, as
12 from time to time amended, and any applicable order or regulation
13 adopted by the Federal Communications Commission thereunder,
14 including the availability and timing of updates and applicable rates,

15 compile all such listings and all listings for its own Connecticut
16 customers other than those that are nonpublished in a directory
17 assistance database and make all such listings contained in said
18 database available in electronic format to directory assistance
19 providers. If a customer requests a customer listing from a certified
20 telecommunications provider that does not provide directory
21 assistance, said provider shall connect the customer at no charge with
22 an entity that provides directory assistance to the customer. Each such
23 certified telecommunications provider shall indemnify said telephone
24 company for any damages caused by that certified telecommunications
25 provider's negligence in misidentifying a nonpublished customer.

26 (b) A telephone company or a certified telecommunications
27 provider that provides local exchange service to customers in the state
28 shall not charge a customer more than a one-time charge for a
29 nonpublished or unlisted number. Said one-time charge shall be
30 reasonable, as determined by the Department of Public Utility Control.

31 Sec. 4. Section 16-256f of the general statutes is repealed and the
32 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

33 Each telephone company and each certified telecommunications
34 provider may make blocking service available to its customers and
35 may charge the customer for providing such service, provided the
36 charge for an interexchange blocking service for outgoing calls shall be
37 a one-time charge that is reasonable, as determined by the Department
38 of Public Utility Control."